

McKINLEY SCHOOL NEEDS \$400,000

With Two Additions Finished, All Cannot Be Accommodated.

COBBLESTONES MAKE A BEDLAM

Rooms Needed For 1,200 Pupils.
Large Appropriation Should Be Obtained From Congress.

Four hundred thousand dollars for extensions and the removal of the antiquated cobblestones that have adorned the streets adjacent for thirty years, must be obtained before the overcrowded conditions and the noise, which caused Miss Mary Plant to resign her position in the McKinley Manual Training School, can be remedied. It is the purpose of the Board of Education to insist upon both when the estimates are made up two months hence.

Principal George E. Myers was armed today with figures showing, as claimed by Miss Plant, that even after the present addition is completed in September and a subsequent addition is completed a year hence, there will probably be three or four hundred pupils for whom there will be no accommodations and who will have to study in rented quarters.

Noise Makes Perfect Bedlam.

"The cobblestones and teams have rattled for thirty years without remedy and at times the noise, when the windows have to be opened, amounts to perfect bedlam. The board has decided to ask the Commissioners to remove these stones, I understand, and put down asphalt," said Mr. Myers.

Later, President Oyster, of the board, confirmed this statement, saying that such a request would be made and that the board would also probably ask for \$400,000 to build additions to the McKinley school which will accommodate its growth.

According to Mr. Myers, 40 pupils of the McKinley school were accommodated in other buildings last year. Three rooms were occupied in the Central High School, four blocks distant; six rented buildings, some of them four blocks distant and all poorly ventilated and unsafe from fire, cared for the remainder. One of these was a wholesale liquor house, another a store, and the others former residences.

"Fourteen of the twenty-two classes were thus provided for out of the McKinley building, although the time is being spent by Miss Plant as unbearable and on account of which she resigned Wednesday. Miss Plant was one of the best and most praiseworthy teachers in the system."

Plans for Extension Drawn.

"Plans have been drawn for a further extension of the building, provided for in the last appropriation bill. This addition will cover all of the available ground now belonging to the school."

"However, if this second addition were ready for use when school opens in September, we should be obliged to seat about 200 pupils outside the building. By the time this addition is ready, the number will probably have increased to 300 or 400. In fact, we shall then be faced with practically the same crowded condition which has confronted us the past year."

"In view of this desperate need of the McKinley school, it is clear that every possible effort should be made to secure a large appropriation from Congress at its coming session, for a further extension of the building. This extension would increase the capacity of the school to 1,200 pupils, and should cost, with the site, not less than \$400,000. I have asked the board to obtain it and understand they will make a hard effort to do so."

Says Teaching Is Capable.

Principal Myers, however, corrected today any impression that might have been gained by the publication of Miss Plant's letter, that good teaching was impossible at the McKinley School. In confirming the unfavorable conditions pictured by the resigning teacher, Mr. Myers said he did not try to convey, as perhaps might be inferred by the publication of such confirmation, that the teaching force was not doing capable work.

"I do not believe this," he said. "Good work, excellent work, has been done in this school in the past, and is being done now. The standing taken by our graduates in the engineering schools at Cornell, Lehigh, Columbia, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, and other technological institutes is evidence of this. Two of the twenty young men gathered from the whole country who recently passed the revenue cutter service examination, were from the McKinley School."

Teachers Overcome Conditions.

"I will agree that the best work cannot be done as we are now situated, in fact that much better work might be done under ideal conditions, but I do not grant that good work is not being done now. The teachers are working harder than they ought to in order to do it, but excellent work is being done notwithstanding unsatisfactory conditions."

"Principals and teachers of the McKinley school believe, as Miss Plant expressed in that part of her letter published exclusively in The Times, that this is the best type of high school for the American boy and girl, and believing this, they are working hard to make the McKinley the best of its type."

"The popularity of the school has made it impossible for the building to keep up with its growing attendance, and for this reason the appropriation is urgently needed."

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Wherever the Sun shone, there was the Sun Dog, and after the Sun's rays had penetrated the blanket-like haze they seemed like a mild June morning almost.

The Sun Dog, lest you may be unaware, is a creature of circumstances and no man knoweth of his comings or goings. He is a fitful, flitty sort of beast, is this Sun Dog, appearing for awhile in substantial form, and subsequently disappearing with a suddenness positively startling to the uninitiated.

Ice particles are his parents. In the far distant zones above the earth the temperature hangs around the zero mark all the time.

Nobody knows why the temperature stays down, except that the spot is somewhat isolated and difficult of reach, and with a sense of the eternal fitness of things, Providence has located a nice cool place where nobody can get.

In this delightful temperature the clouds occasionally stop. When they

With a melting smile, that lasted while the skies were filled with fog, The Sun Dog dogged the sun today, And the sun "dogged" the dog.

do their fate is sealed. In five minutes they are of the consistency of ice cream soda. They then form halos around the sun, and when two halos cross (sounds like a problem in geometry) the result is a Sun Dog.

After considerable difficulty, The Washington Times succeeded in getting into communication with this festive beast. He was quite sociable, and although he refused to give his picture to the paper, he barked through the wireless telephone with great force and volubility.

"Wah," he growled, in reply to a query as to the temperature. "Great shades of Cerebus, no! I've got on two dog blankets and I have to fight the dog Star once every five minutes to keep from freezing."

"Do I wear a muzzle? Well, I should say yes. You see, the last Sun Dog got wild or something—tried to bite the Sun. I think—and ran all over Saturn's rings. I just got them scared and Jupiter Plover wrote a letter of rebuke to Mars, who is the new pound-master. That fixed us."

"Say, you ought to see Cerebus. He's the funniest ever. He's got a basket over one mouth and one of Mars' old helmets over the other, and he looks nifty enough to chew Vulcan."

"By the way, Vulcan is making the muzzles now. It's a bun work, too. He makes them with spikes on the end and when you try to eat, the spike gets stuck in the ground and you can't move."

At this point the central operator could be heard demanding that the Sun Dog drop in another nickel, and the licensed animal, after a bitter, barking rebuke, rang off.

Gasoline Fumes Produce Lively Jag; Garage Men Make Important Find

And now the report comes from Philadelphia of a new way of getting inebriated—a way which opens up a long vista of possibilities.

Employees of a certain garage in the outskirts of the city have suddenly become dissipated. Arriving in the morning clear eyed and industrious, as the day passes they become convivial, then noisy, and finally uproarious.

The garage manager started on a vain hunt for bottles. No bottles did he find, to be sure, but he found the "bar." In the back part of the garage he came upon a large can of gasoline. About the can reeled his four employees, their lines and eyes unflinching witnesses to a most shocking condition.

Leaning hourly over the odoriferous gasoline, one fortunate man discovered that after inhaling the fumes steadily for some minutes he experienced a numbness, an instability of limb, and a lightness of head, such as is produced by less ethereal and evanescent intoxicants. Even the headache equalled that of a morning after.

Imagine the possibilities to the motor ridden public. No longer will the motorist aristocracy be assailed by a crowd of outraged "plebeians" demanding mufflers. Instead, a thirsty crowd pursuing with distended nostrils the speedy

gasoline car, will run, or ride, or bicycle in the wake of other than gasoline cheered and inebriated, and one by one they will fall by the wayside.

And then the occupant, X. M. will be a simple matter for a convivial gentleman, driving to his club for dinner, to arrange some pipe from the rear through which he may breathe his gasoline cocktail.

Truly it is time for the saloon keeper and the makers of other than gasoline buggies to look to their business.

CHANGES PLANNED IN FOREST SERVICE

The organization of the forest service will be subject to a sweeping change resulting in the moving the greater portion of the service to the actual scene of operation in the West, leaving only a nucleus of the service in Washington to carry on the executive work of the bureau.

This change means the establishment of division offices in six of the large cities of the West, San Francisco, Denver, Salt Lake City, Portland, Missoula, Mont., and Albuquerque, N. M.

It is said that about one-third of the employees of the service now stationed in Washington will be sent to the new divisions. There are at present 600 members of the service stationed in Washington, and, by October 1, the exodus will be well under way.

"BUNNY" WATTS HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Young Man Arrested On "Black Hand" Charge May Be Bailed.

"Bunny" Watts, who was arrested in his home, near Laurel, Md., July 4, on charge of sending "Black Hand" letters to Edmund Pendleton, of Montpelier Manor, and to E. L. Pettit, of Laurel, was yesterday held for the action of the grand jury by United States Commissioner Rogers in Baltimore. Watts was held in \$2,500 bail, and his lawyer, Bruner R. Anderson, says that he expects to furnish this today.

Watts was not put on the stand yesterday at the hearing. The postal inspectors related the evidence woven about him.

Pill Box Evidence.

One of the strongest points in the case brought by Inspectors Keene and Robertson is in the letter to Mr. Pettit, when in describing the plum tree in the swamp behind Mr. Pettit's house, the writer said that in this tree would be found a pill box. This pill box was found and kept by Mr. Pettit, and the inspectors say that it contained pills put up by a Laurel druggist for Watts' father.

Edmund Pendleton, the wealthy man who left Montpelier Manor after he had been threatened with death if he did not place \$500 under the black bridge on the Annapolis road over the Patuxent, is still at Hot Springs, Va., with former Secretary Taft.

Discuss "Black Hand."

The entire countryside about Laurel is still in a state of excitement, and the only topic of conversation is the "Black Hand." Even the weather, as a conversation opener, has been relegated to the background.

One strong point in Watt's defense is an alleged admission on the part of the postal inspectors that they could not distinguish the faces of the man and boy, who, on a dark night after the stated hour, crept to the plum tree on Mr. Pettit's place and took away a decoy package, containing \$15 in Confederate money.

COLONEL RETREATS AFTER STINGING WAR

ALLENTOWN, Pa., July 10.—Col. C. T. O'Neill, the Irish colonel of the Pennsylvania-German Fourth Regiment, was ignominiously beaten and compelled to beat a retreat for the first time in his life. It was all on account of horsets, and the colonel's curiosity. The remains of an old tree were being taken away, when suddenly the man who had charge of the job was seen to go up in the air and do the splits, the kangaroo, and the hoochie-coochie dance, all in one, meanwhile punctuating his frantic gyrations with yells.

The colonel, passing along that way, and anxious to know what the workman was throwing his fits for, ran up to investigate. He found out right away, and joined the dance.

Both of them had discovered something they had not been looking for—a horset's nest.

The colonel stood the battle for just about fifty-eight seconds, and then he gave a fine imitation of a man running, chased by a lot of irritated horset's.

POSTAL RECEIPTS INCREASED IN JUNE

The monthly report of the postal business transacted at the fifty largest postoffices in the United States for June, made public today, shows a gratifying increase in receipts, whereas the report for the month previous shows a large falling off, which postal officers take to mean that business is reviving over the country.

Thirty-three out of the fifty offices show increases in receipts amounting to \$201,585.55, while thirteen offices show decreases aggregating \$149,906.55. The Washington City Postoffice reports receipts for June aggregating \$10,227.30, as compared to \$4,762.33 for the corresponding month of the previous year.

KILL ALL THE CATS, SAYS ORNITHOLOGIST

BOSTON, July 10.—If Edward Howe Forbush, State ornithologist, has his way, there will not be a cat left within the State of Massachusetts next year. In his report to the governor for the fiscal year just ended after dilating on the depredations of felines in general, he winds up with the startling request that the Legislature empower him to kill all the cats within the State. He says:

"To get the most good out of the State we must kill the cats. They destroy thousands of birds each year, working irreparable injury to crops, besides, through infection, being mainly responsible for the spread of cholera, diphtheria, tuberculosis, smallpox, and sundry diseases."

REPORT ON HARBOR PRINTED IN BOOK

The report of the committee on the improvement of the harbor front, which was submitted to the Commissioners recently, has been published in book form. The committee, which consists of John R. Sutton, harbormaster; W. J. Douglas, engineer of bridges, and D. J. Gargos, chief clerk of the engineer department, made a careful survey of the water front and has recommended a number of important improvements, such as the widening of the channel, the building of recreation piers, the installation of a uniform system of wharves, etc. The total cost is estimated at \$2,880,000.

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